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# Construction Ahead



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**Division of  
Transportation Engineering  
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Division of  
Parking Management**

## ***REHABILITATION OF OLD GEORGETOWN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD***

### **Introduction**

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Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) and Division of Parking Management (DPM) will soon commence activities for the rehabilitation of Old Georgetown Pedestrian Bridge over Old Georgetown Road (Bridge No. P-41).

The purpose of this newsletter is to notify you of the upcoming project and to inform you of the project schedule, lane closures, and impacts to traffic and pedestrian access.

This project is located in Bethesda, Maryland between Woodmont Avenue and Edgemoore Lane-Commerce Lane. The bridge, spanning approximately 90 feet, traverses over Old Georgetown Road and serves to connect the Bethesda Place Development to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, the Metropolitan Apartments, a 1,100 space public parking garage, and other facilities. This bridge consists of a “truss bridge” and an “approach bridge” which were constructed in 1999.

### **Special points of interest:**

- Construction will begin this spring.
- The project is expected to take 8 months to complete.
- Accessible pedestrian routes shall be provided at all times during this project.
- Lane closures will occur throughout the duration of this project.



Old Georgetown Pedestrian Bridge over Old Georgetown Road

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## Project Scope and Design

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The project involves the complete cleaning, painting, and structural modification of the Pedestrian Bridge over Old Georgetown Road referred to as Bridge No. P-41 under the Montgomery County Bridge Number System.

This project also includes repairing the fascia girders of the approach bridge and removal of the existing cladding and railing support system to replace it with a new system. The connection to

the concrete building at the east end of the approach bridge will be replaced .

On the truss bridge, the existing drainage system will be removed and a new drainage system will be installed. Concrete pavers on the truss bridge will be replaced with stamped lightweight concrete. The existing expansion joint at the interface between the truss bridge and the approach bridge will also be replaced.

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## Work Hours, Schedule and Inspection

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Construction will take place Mondays through Fridays between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. with a single lane closure, all day, seven days a week, throughout the duration of the project. Construction is scheduled to take approximately eight months to complete.

Throughout the construction process, a full-time County representative will be present on the job site during hours of construction to oversee the construction

progress, monitor the work zone for pedestrian and traffic safety and to answer questions that you may have about the project.

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## Contractor

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Under Montgomery County Procurement Regulations, construction projects are awarded through a competitive process. Reglas Painting Co., Inc. submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid for this project.

Reglas Painting Co., Inc. is located in Baltimore, Maryland and has completed several similar projects for Montgomery County and a variety of other

jurisdictions, including the Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation and Virginia Department of Transportation.

Reglas Painting Co., Inc. has thirty years of industry experience. They specialize in the removal of paint by abrasive blasting and coatings application for steel structures.

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## Pedestrian Access, Traffic Control Plan and Phasing

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Accessible pedestrian routes will be provided at all times throughout the duration of the project. When it is not feasible to provide a same-side accessible pedestrian route, an accessible pedestrian detour route will be provided. Information regarding closed pedestrian routes, alternate crossings, sign and signal information will be communicated to pedestrians with visual disabilities by providing devices such as audible information devices, accessible pedestrian signals or barriers and channelizing devices that are detectable to the pedestrians traveling with the aid of a white cane or who have low vision.

Access to all side streets, driveways and store entrances will be maintained at all times. Access to the Safeway Parking Garage and Safeway store entrance will be available at all times.

“Parking” signs within the work zone will be covered or bagged by the contractor in coordination with the Division of

Parking Management for the duration of work; and a temporary “No Parking Anytime” sign shall be installed in the affected parking spaces.

Montgomery County Department of Transportation will be monitoring the Traffic Control Plan during construction of the project. If any adjustment to the proposed traffic plan or additional signs or other traffic control devices are needed, the County will instruct the contractor to promptly provide them to guide commuting public safely in and around the work zones.

The sequence of construction for this project is scheduled to occur in one phase. A portion of the construction activity will occur above lane closures adjacent to the travel lanes of the roadway. Temporary lane closures will be set-up and taken down on a daily basis between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Flaggers will control traffic movements during the lane closures.

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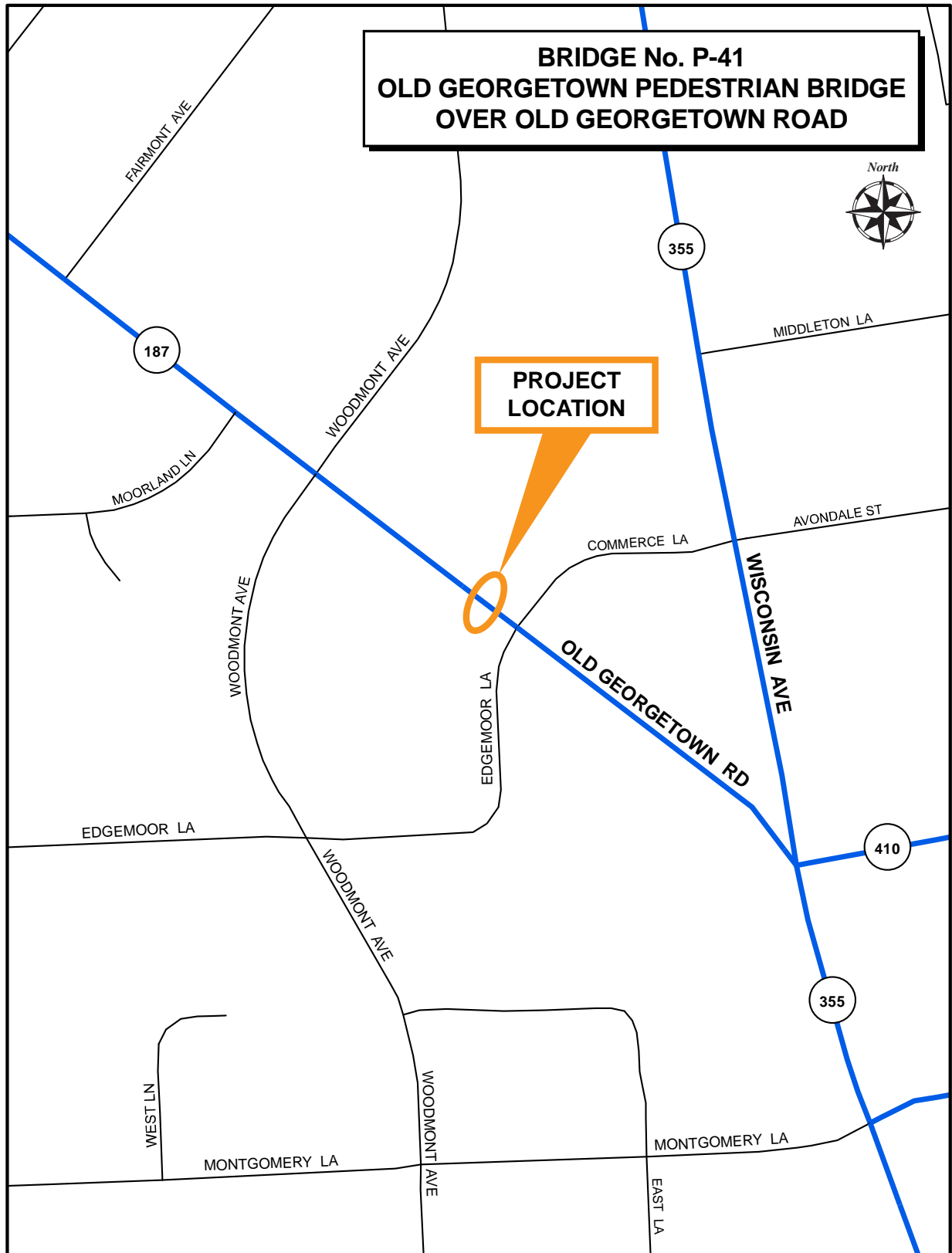
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Old Georgetown Pedestrian Bridge over Old Georgetown Road Looking Northwest

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### Project Location Map



## Impacts to County Services

Montgomery County strives to minimize the impact construction projects have on residents, businesses and motorists.

A Traffic Control Plan has been developed to permit safe passage for vehicular, bicyclists and pedestrian traffic during rehabilitation activities. You may experience some construction noise and dust during regular work hours. The noise and dust levels will be closely monitored by the project inspector.

The Division of Transportation Engineering has coordinated the Traffic Control Plan with Police, Fire and Rescue Services, as well as the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Maryland State Highway Administration.

All basic County services such as mail delivery, etc. will continue to be provided without impacts.



## Keeping Informed

This newsletter is sent to residents who are on the project mailing list and to the owners of businesses in the vicinity. Please share this information with your neighbors. If they want to receive future newsletters, please contact the MCDOT Transportation Construction Section at 240-777-7210.

Feel free to contact the project team at

the field office or at the phone numbers below. The DTE email address is on the cover of this newsletter.

Finally, watch for signs and message boards posted near the project site. These will keep you informed of impending changes to the traffic patterns and guide you safely through the work zone.

## Project Management Team

A staff of dedicated professionals will oversee the construction and ensure that the project is completed safely, timely, on-budget and in compliance with the specifications. In addition, the team members are available to answer any questions you may have.

Feel free to contact any of member of the Project Management team.

### Construction Activities

Contact: Craig Lease  
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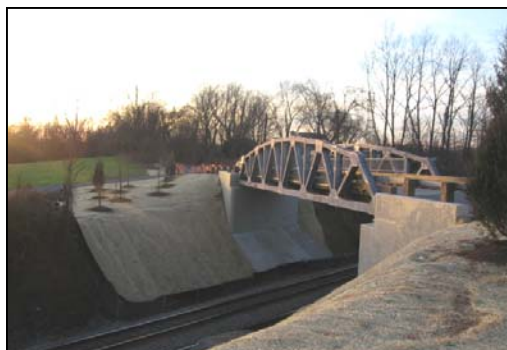
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## About the Division of Transportation Engineering and Division of Parking Management

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### **DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING**

The Division of Transportation Engineering provides project planning, engineering design, and construction management services for the County's roads, bridges, sidewalks, and bikeways.



Mouth of Monocacy Rd. Bridge,  
Dickerson, MD

### **DIVISION OF PARKING MANAGEMENT**

The Division of Parking Management oversees County public parking lot districts in Bethesda, Montgomery Hills, Silver Spring, and Wheaton. The Division also operates on-street parking meters in certain transportation management districts, such as North Bethesda.



Garage 11,  
Bethesda, MD